NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

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PROJECT TITLE: Alternative Camping Cabins

LOCATION: Samuel P. Taylor State Park

COUNTY: Marin

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install five prefabricated alternative camping cabins and one camp-host site in the Madrone group camp area of Samuel P. Taylor State Park to provide alternative camping sites, encourage off season use, increase revenue and to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and meet requirements in the "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines". Work will:

- Remove up to 40 California bay and Douglas fir trees over the entire area to build the level building area and temporary paths for moving cabins into their locations.
- Excavate up to 7ft deep to level the pad for three cabins
- Construct 600' of 4' wide trail to provide access from existing group parking and new ADA parking at each cabin.
- Install a 13'x24' buildings and outdoor picnic area with table, grill, fire pit, and water standpipe/faucet for each site.
- Trench up to 500' of 12"x36" trench to provide electricity and water to all cabins.
- Trench up to 100' 24"x36" to provide utilities from the existing restroom to the camp-host site.
- Exposed cut banks will be rock covered for stability but will regrow with native ground cover.
- Rehabilitate all temporary installation paths and the area returned to natural contours upon completion.
- Reposition existing picnic tables and stoves as needed for installation and operational need.
- Implement appropriate Best Management Practices and avoidance measures to avoid impacts to special status species.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Marin District

EXEMPT STATUS:

□ Categorical Exemption

Class: 3 & 4 Section

Section: 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities and the minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included as "camp host sites" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4

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